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1. RECOMMEND YOU ADD THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH TO THE AUGUST
9 ABA SPEECH BETWEEN PARAGRAPHS 41 AND 42 OR AT ANOTHER
PLACE OF YOUR CHOOSING.

2. QUOTE: IN THE TIME AVAILABLE TO US, I CANNOT TREAT IN
EQUIVALENT DETAIL OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST. OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS, NO REGIONAL
CONFLICT HAS THREATENED WORLD PEACE MORE PERSISTENTLY. OUR
DEEP INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP IN MEDIATING THE DISPUTE BETWEEN
ISRAEL AND ITS ARAB NEIGHBORS, AND OUR STRONGEST HOPE THAT
A JUST AND DURABLE SETTLEMENT CAN BE FOUND ARE THE RESULT
OF THREE CRUCIAL NATIONAL PRIORITIES: FIRST, OUR UNSHAKABLE
COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY AND SURVIVAL OF ISRAEL; SECONDLY,
THE VITAL RELATIONS WHICE WE MAINTAIN WITH THE ARAB WORLD;
AND THIRDLY, OUR CONCERN THAT THE SITUATION IN THE
MIDDLE EAST DOES NOT BROADEN TO GREAT POWER CONFLICT.
OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SUCH A SETTLEMENT HAVE REACHED
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A CRITICAL STAGE.

AS THE SECRETARY HAS LEARNED DURING HIS LATEST
MISSION, THE PARTIES CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE A STRONG
DESIRE TO REACH A TRUE AND DURABLE PEACE. BUT AT THIS
POINT A MAJOR EFFORT IS NEEDED IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO
SUCCEED--AND IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE PRESIDENT

HAS ANNOUNCED.....

IN OUR SEARCH FOR PEACE, WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS DEEP AND CONTINUES TO PROVIDE MACHINERY FOR MEDIATION, PEACEKEEPING, AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. WITHOUT THE UNITED NATIONS THE DELICATE BALANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH NOW EXISTS COULD NOT BE MAINTAINED; WITHOUT A UNITED NATIONS CONTRIBUTION NO FUTURE SETTLEMENT WILL BE POSSIBLE. WE WILL GIVE OUR FULL BACKING TO UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMS WHICH SUPPORT PALESTINIAN REFUGEES AND TO THE UN FORCES WHICH ARE STATIONED IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, AND THE SINAI. THE RENEWAL OF THEIR MANDATES IS A MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE WE WILL RELY ON THE UNITED NATIONS TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN STIMULATING ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE AREA. END QUOTE.
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